

# Europe in Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities

Monash European and EU Centre

Young Researchers Conference

22-23 September 2011

Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

## Call for Papers

For further information or enquiries  
contact [evan.thompson@monash.edu](mailto:evan.thompson@monash.edu)

*This conference and the Monash European and EU Centre are funded by a grant from the European Commission. The Monash European and EU Centre is a joint initiative between the European Commission and Monash University, led by the Faculties of Arts, Business and Economics, and Law.*



## Outline

The European Union, along with the rest of the international community is entering a period of intense problems and crises. The ongoing developments surrounding the Arab Spring, particularly in Libya and Syria are bringing hard security problems to the doorstep of Europe. In addition, the ongoing consequences of the Global Financial Crisis and the Euro-zone crisis have cast doubt on the viability of the EU socio-economic model. The catastrophe of the tsunami on Japan's eastern coast and the ensuing problems with the Fukushima nuclear plant have led to a revision of the energy policies of many countries, including EU powerhouse, Germany. This re-evaluation has important ramifications for the EU's leadership on climate change issues and its attempts to forge international consensus.

The Monash European and EU Centre's Young Researchers Conference 'Europe in Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities' seeks to explore dramatic events affecting Europe and the challenges and opportunities that they present from both a contemporary and an historical perspective. It aims to examine these from both external and internal perspectives, providing a wide range of views and insights.

The conference is multi-disciplinary in nature and aims to incorporate as many fields as possible in exploring the overall theme. The main emphases of the conference include:

- Political: the EU Constitutional crisis; NATO intervention in Libya; the Arab Spring; the Roma in Europe;
- Economic: Global Financial Crisis; Euro-zone crisis; market reforms in Eastern Europe; trade and the developing world;
- Environmental: climate change; energy; fishing; marine environment.

The conference brings together young researchers from Australia, New Zealand, the wider Asia-Pacific, and Europe to present their research in a collegial environment, and foster the professional and academic development of the next generation of researchers on Europe in political studies, economics, anthropology and law.

### Call for Papers

Abstracts of approximately 300 words should be submitted by Friday 22 July 2011 to [europecentre@monash.edu](mailto:europecentre@monash.edu)

Successful applicants will be notified by email by the end of July.

There is limited funding available for travel and accommodation expenses for selected participants. If you wish to be considered for the bursaries, please indicate in your abstract submission and also attach a CV and list of publications.

The two best papers have the chance to be published in a special section of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies.